

**M E M O R A N D U M**

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TO: County Council

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SUBJECT: Rock Spring Master Plan Resolution

Attached is a resolution approving the Rock Spring Master Plan. The resolution is consistent with the Council discussion that took place on October 31 and the recommendations of the PHED Committee. A draft of the resolution was circulated to the Council and interested parties. Non-substantive recommendations to improve clarity, ensure consistency, or correct typographical errors were incorporated in the attached resolution. There are 2 substantive requests the Council may wish to consider.

Representing the Camalier/Davis families, Steve Robins asked that dedications for the transit easement should be included in the list of major public facilities that are eligible for public benefit points. Staff concurs and has added the phrase “significant dedications for the North Bethesda Transitway easement” to lines 319-320 of the resolution.

The Council also received a request from Francoise Carrier on behalf of Democracy Associates, asking that property owners be exempt from providing 15 percent MPDUs as the highest priority public amenity if they “dedicate land for a school or athletic fields that can be used by MCPS, or a park that is large enough to provide an athletic field or other programmed recreation facilities.” **Staff does not support this request** and has not included it in the resolution. The Council previously indicated only a school or other **extraordinary** dedication should exempt a property owner from providing 15 percent MPDUs. Staff believes that a single field or a park with an undefined amount of programmed recreation facilities may not qualify as extraordinary and supports the recommendation from the Planning Director reflected in the resolution for “athletic fields that can be used by MCPS and approximate the size of a local park”.